programmes by amending the State Agricultural Produce Marketing Regulation Acts and to provide Central assistance for the development of marketing infrastructure linked to such deregulation and reforms;

ii. Progressive dismantling of controls and regulations under the Essential Commodities Act to remove all restrictions on production, supply, storage and movement of, and trade and commerce in all agricultural commodities;

iii. Substantially step up flow on institutional credit to farmers for marketing of crops (pledge financing) and to enhance their holding capacity to obtain remunerative price for their produce;

iv. Expand availability of warehousing services in rural areas including by introducing negotiable warehousing receipt system for agricultural commodities;

v. Allow future trading in all agricultural commodities to improve price risk management and facilitate price discovery by amending the Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1952;

vi. To promote use of information technology in agricultural marketing to provide market led extension services to farmers and other market functionaries and to create facility of electronic trading to enable producers to directly transact business with distant buyers; and

vii. To re-orient training and extension systems to assit farming community to respond to emerging challenges in agricultural marketing and to create an ambiance of good marketing practices in the country.

The report of the inter-Ministerial Task Force is being examined in consultation with the State Government/Union Territories Administrations and concerned Central Government Department/Agencies.

Schemes to improve agricultural production in U.P.

1055. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored programmes formulated and being implemented by Government for Uttar Pradesh, to increase

agricultural production during 2002-2003;

(b) what targets have been fixed for this period; and

(c) the details of financial assistance given to U.P. for the same, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in Uttar Pradesh for increasing the agricultural production are as follows:—

1. Macro Management Scheme
2. Technology Mission on Cotton
3. Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP)
4. National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)
5. Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP)

(b) The details of targets for major crops for Uttar Pradesh during 2002-03 are as under:—

(in lakhs tonnes)

Crops	Target
Rice	116.50
Wheat	260.84
Coarse Cereals	38.50
Pulses	26.70
Oilseeds	17.00
Sugarcane	1325.00

(c) The details of funds released to U.P. under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Funds Released
1999-2000	7603.00
2000-2001	7068.83
2001-2002	7938.75